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DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, line 20, after the formula "Leu-Glu-Ser-Tyr-Thr" insert -- (SEQ. ID NO: 1)--.

On page 3, line 21, after the formula "Ile-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Phe-Thr-Ser" insert -- (SEQ. ID NO: 2)--.

On page 4, line 4 , after the formula "Leu-Glu-Ser-Tyr-Thr" insert --(SEQ. ID NO: 1)--.

On page 4, line 6, after the formula "Ile-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Phe-Thr-Ser" insert --(SEQ. ID NO: 2)--.

On page 4, line 7, after the formula "Leu-Glu-Ser-Tyr-Thr" insert --(SEQ. ID NO: 1)--.

On page 4, line 8, after the formula "Ile-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Phe-Thr-Ser" insert --(SEQ. ID NO: 2)--.

On page 4, line 10, after the formula "Leu-Glu-Ser-Tyr-Thr" insert --(SEQ. ID NO: 1)-- and after the formula "Ile-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Phe-Thr-Ser" insert --(SEQ. ID NO: 2)--.